

BLUE RIDGE STILL ACTIVE

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FRIDAY, EVENING GERMAN

Big-Eyed Daisies Succeeded by the Feathery Golden Rod on the Hills Around.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS, Sept. 10.—These crisp, cool, golden days of sweet September find a big, jolly, congenial company still enjoying the quaintness and comfort of beautiful Blue Ridge Springs. Some of the summer company have packed their suit-cases and saratogas and found pastures new, but others have come to take their places, just as the sweet big-eyed daisies on the hill-sides have had their day and been succeeded by the feathery golden rod, which nods a greeting to the autumn rambler, and comforting thought to our Virginia gentleman, the prince of hosts, Mr. Philip F. Brown, people and flowers with summer will always come again.

A party of young people, who visited Coney Springs Wednesday was made of Miss Lilla Marzalis, of New York City; Miss Katharine Copeland, of Richmond; Miss Edith Howcott, of New Orleans; Mr. Trichard, of Petersburg; Mr. Howland, of New Orleans, and Dr. Haines, of Petersburg.

Expert hunters are not lacking, and among the number may be mentioned Mr. T. L. Marzalis, of New York, and Mr. Harry Trotman, of Portsmouth, Va. The fair sex are also interested in the sport, and seldom does a lord of creation sail forth without some dainty maid by his side.

One of the enjoyable affairs of the week was a driving party given by Dr. Franklin W. Haines, of Petersburg, on Tuesday. Coney Springs and Bousack were visited and a delightful day spent.

The German Friday evening while not the largest of the season, was one of the most enjoyable, and Mr. Philip F. Brown had his myriads of fairy lanterns trimmed and burning. Their many colored lights turned the rustic bridges and verandas into a fairy world, and golden rod and autumn leaves converted the ball-room into a woodland bower. Delicious refreshments, exquisite music, and beautiful dancers made the evening an ideal one.

Wednesday evening a party of young people enjoyed an elegant supper and a german in Roanoke at the beautiful Roanoke Hotel. The Roanoke German Club did the honors and the Blue Ridge young people were the recipients of much attention. The leaders, Messrs. S. P. Tigart and Warren Wellford, saw that the visitors were well looked after.

The party was made up of the following: Misses Lilla Ives, of Norfolk; Lucy Lowe and Rosa Moss, of Galveston; Messrs. Kinnier, of Lynchburg; Michaels, of Norfolk; and Halsey, of Roanoke. Mrs. Stone, of Galveston, chaperoned the party.

Cards still come in for a full share of attention, and one of the prettiest card of honor was given Monday evening by Mrs. W. L. Moody, of Galveston, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Cowan, of Vicksburg, Miss. Wednesday evening Mrs. G. H. Mensing, of Galveston, also entertained with cards.

Arrivals continue and among the recent are Mrs. W. A. McVie, Miss McVie, and maid, of Galveston, who returning from a summer in England are making a month's stay in the mountains before returning to Galveston.

Mrs. Melaine Steinhauer is another Galvestonian to join the home colony at Blue Ridge. Her beauty and wit are already well acknowledged and her popularity assured.

Mr. J. B. Winston is the latest arrival from Richmond. Other additions are: D. D. Curran, New Orleans; Miss Pauline Curran, New Orleans; Miss Edith Jamison, Roanoke; H. B. Prichard, Petersburg; Robert Harris, Jr., North Carolina; D. Humphreys, Roanoke; John C. Jamison, Roanoke; Paul Jamison, Roanoke; Mrs. James Cassell, Roanoke; W. M. Barnes, Roanoke; J. A. Brown, Roanoke; C. A. Penn, North Carolina; Mrs. L. N. Vaughan, Ashland, Va.; W. V. Vaughan, Ashland, Va.; E. E. York, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Davant, Roanoke; E. B. Fishburne, Roanoke; Miss Ethel Tebbutt, Virginia; Miss Nancy L. White, Portsmouth; James L. McLenore, Suffolk; Camillus Christman, Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jennings, Roanoke; Master Lawrence Jennings, Roanoke; R. H. Waldwright, Christiansburg; A. J. Carter, Manchester; F. A. Dixon, Roanoke; F. G. Kelley, Roanoke; W. T. Kimes, Roanoke; C. A. Varran, Roanoke; Mrs. Melaine Steinhauer, Galveston, Tex.; Mrs. McVie, Galveston, Tex.; Miss Mabel McVie, Galveston, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Cary, Roanoke; Masters Richard and Robert Roanoke; Miss Nellie Connolly, Boone Hill, Va.; S. M. Lloyd, Lynchburg, Va.; Bob Kinner, Lynchburg, Va.; I. B. Winston, Richmond, Va.; W. N. Wellford, Roanoke; Mrs. James Noel, Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. Hortense Noel, Lynchburg, Va.; Master Shirley Noel, Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. M. M. Clark, Washington, D. C.; Thaddeus S. Clark, Washington, D. C.; W. D. Nuckols, Richmond.

MISS MARYE HENDERSON, one of the handsomest young ladies at the Rockbridge Alum Springs this season.

has been the annual resort of hundreds in search of pleasure and health. At almost every turn one sees reminders of the past. In the spacious ball-room, shoved back into a corner, and almost hidden by the upright stiffness of a more modern instrument, stands the old grand piano, that once responded to the sympathetic touch of slender fingers long since fallen to dust. Its keys are broken and discolored, its voice hoarse and discordant with age and neglect; yet, it tenderly hushed, it still has tones that respond musically and pathetically in minor strains of half-forgotten melody.

Last night, as I sat just outside the window, enveloped in dreams above the tinsel strains of the orchestra and the rhythmic beat of the dancers' feet, the music of the sweet old songs. My lady sat at the piano, and by Miss Clarke, of Fredericksburg, Miss Cornelia Watkins is one of our dearest girls, and her late arrival at the Rock Alum has brought satisfaction to more than one gallant cavalier.

Miss Hayes's porch party of Friday was a complete success. Comfortably arrayed in becoming tea gowns and dressing gowns, a large party of ladies happily whiled away the afternoon on one of the upper porches of the Brook House, through the open doorway and down to the group of smokers on the lower balcony. The lords of creation congregated in the smoking parlor, and the time-lapsing portion of our race.

"A man's tongue runs till he drops; a woman's why, that never stops." Wednesday night was the occasion of a donkey party, in which young and old participated. Numerous attempts were made to retail the curtailed animal, whose tailless anatomy told a tale of woe to the interested spectators. But the majority of the blind-folded players went

wide of the mark, and the desired candal appendage was affixed to so many novel and incongruous places as to create an almost continuous uproar of laughter and applause. The prizes were won by Mrs. Wise, of Newport News, and Miss Bianton, of Richmond.

CANDY-PULLING. On Thursday night a company of young folks assembled in the dining-room and enjoyed an old-fashioned candy-pulling, which resulted in the manufacture of the most delicious sweet known to man—the good, old-time sugar taffy. After a season of enjoyment, heightened by burnt lips and blistered fingers, the company adjourned to the ball-room and danced the ever-inspiring Virginia reel in fine style. Dr. Thomas Dew, as leader, was a marvel of Terpsychorean agility and grace, cutting the pigeon-wing and dancing the double-shuffle with intangible skill.

One of the most pleasant affairs of the week was the card-fete on Saturday night. The game was the favorite euchre, and a numerous company assembled in the parlors to partake of the enjoyment. The evening proved a most delightful one to the favored guests. The first prize, an exquisite paper-holder of silver and gold, was won by Mrs. A. L. Watkins, of Richmond.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Watkins chaperoned a coaching party given by Miss Hayes, of Richmond. After a long and delightful drive among the natural beauties of this wonderfully lovely mountain region, the happy travelers stopped for supper at a neighboring farm-house, then singing, returned home by the light of the lately-risen moon.

The hop on Monday night was an occasion of great brilliancy and rare enjoyment to all. The ball-room was at its gayest and brightest, and the merry company tripped the light fantastic till a late hour. We have owed much of our pleasure of this season to the capable and accommodating orchestra, composed of young men who are individually proficient in both classic and popular music.

It is with sincere regret that we record the departure of Dr. J. R. Gildersleeve, of Richmond, the resident physician of the Rock Alum for this summer. Dr. Gildersleeve has been greatly appreciated and beloved by our guests, not only on account of his unquestioned medical skill,

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